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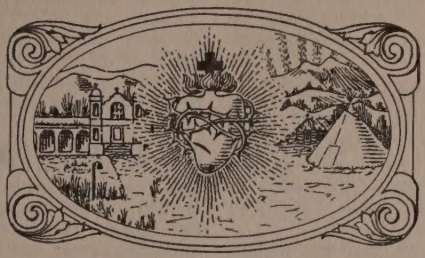

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Missionary zeal, the offspring of lively faith, has grown remarkably in our colleges during the past year. This awakening to the urgent needs of our heroic missionaries as to the extention of the Kingdom of Christ among the outcasts of the human race may be greatly intensified by the mere perusal of the many bulletins published by Jesuit Colleges, both here and in Europe, and it is indeed very consoling to note the generosity our our boys when practical appeals have been made to them for mission support. The problem seems to be to find a practical and dignified plan of campaign with sufficient enterprise to run it consistently and steadily, without overdoing it. Fr. J. D. Wheeler, of Holy Cross College, finds that "even college men will respond generously if a systematic and intelligent effort is made to enlist their interest and charity in the mission cause," and he proves it by raising $2.563.77 from the young men of Holy Cross College within ten months.

Fr. D. McAstocker, under appointment by V. R. F. Fr. Provincial, has devised a plan for our Province and we hope that during the course of the year he may be able to get around to explain it, set it in operation, supervise it, and return occasionally to see how it is getting along.

The achievements of a Junior at Seattle College, Archie Richardson has obtained weekly recognition in the local Catholic paper and the highest encomiums from Bishop O'Dea, for he has set his companions on fire with love of the Missions and inspired enthusiasm into the hearts of the thousands of school children from Vancouver, B. C., to Portland, Ore. A short account of his noble work is given in the June News.

Judging from Echos de Belgique, our Belgian Fathers consider the work of providing, both spiritually and materially, in prayers, in men and money, for their extensive mission fields not only as a technical one, but one moreover to which the greatest care, and the energy of the entire Province is dedicated. They are impelled not only by religious zeal but also by patriotic motives which they are able to use very efficiently among the Catholic people and even upon official Belgium and to such an extent that all alike take great pride in "the little nation which has done so much for civilization." Belgium, apart from religious motives, is justly proud of her Missions.

"Le Missioni," published conjointly by the Italian Provinces, is working wonders among the Italian people for the support of the missions. It breathes such a spirit of faith that it must intensely influence the warm Italian heart, and its influence is seen in the following classic:

"Dear Father: The mite-box for the missions is filled, and, besides, the subscription to "Le Missioni," on the white paper accompanying the offering I express a second desire, namely, of imposing on two of your

little negro neophytes the names of 'Henrico' and 'Sylvio' in baptism.

Henrico! This was the name borne by my sweet hero brother, who, in the Great War, sacrificed for his country's sake his joyful youth, so full of beautiful, virtuous promises! Now, no more!

Sylvio! Such was the name of my little blond brother, maimed for his country's sake. My dear and gentle little brother, who warmed up with his gay, serene youth, our hearts, cold and mute on account of the first great loss, and now, he too, is no more!

Henrico! Sylvio! Our sorrowing heart, our loving heart, yearns to offer you a gift, a gift which will speak to you of our affection, of our sorrow, of our infinite longing for you * * * oh, it is a relief to be able to give to others of the good God's creatures the dear names you bore! And may all those who weep over their dear departed, remember them in prayer, and also in the holy exercise of Christian charity."

There are many among our American Catholics whose spirit of faith, especially under bereavement or affliction, could be induced to do something similar for our missions and missionaries. The maintenance of one or more Eskimo or Indian child at one of our schools, the education of a young man for missionary apostolic work would appeal to one who had lost a dear one, or to a family on whom God had not bestowed the blessing of children, or to any one anxious to do something for God. The proudest moment in poor Matt Talbot's life was when he told his sister that he had "finished three priests and was on the fourth," though he was only a day-laborer in the city of Dublin.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

Exodus—The thirteen scholastics who had completed their Juniorate, left this year for Mount St. Michael's almost a month earlier than is customary. Two groups of four and one group of five Juniors left respectively on the fourth, fifth and sixth of July and were scheduled to arrive at the Mount by the time the Laymen's Retreat was over because no accommodations could be made before that Retreat ended. The fruitful crop of new Novices expected this year necessitated this early departure from vacation at the Villa, for without the extra room this absence would afford, the housing accommodations at Los Gatos would undoubtedly have been inadequate. As it is all available space is now being used. Even the historic old "Carpenter Shop" is once more pressed into service and perhaps will house Jesuits for the last time.

Renovation—The Juniorate built in1914 is now being almost totally changed through the intensive renewing and remodeling to which it is being subjected. The exterior will, however, remain almost intact. The only noticeable change will be the removal of the arcade that runs along the west side of the building. In the interior far more marked changes have been made. Instead of a common dormitory as heretofore and common study rooms each man will now possess an all but private room which will contain his bed, wardrobe, desk, etc. The first and second floors have been remodeled in this manner, but the top floor, the former dormitory, will be left intact for some time and will be used this year to house Novices. The work was completed and ready for occupancy on July 21st, the end of the vacations.

Visit—On July 7th we were honored by a visit of Father Fernandez, Provincial of Colombia. As he was en route for El Paso his visit was necessarily a short one. His short visit was, however, novel inasmuch as the entire conversation was carried on in Latin. This was the first time the Juniors ever saw this tongue used for a practical purpose.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Retreats—At the two Laymen's Retreats held at the Mount this summer, approximately 125 men from, in and around Spokane were in attendance. All spoke very highly of Father Moore's presentation of the Spiritual Exercises, and left for their respective homes after the retreats fully determined to each bring at least one more retreatant to St. Michael's next year.

To say that the laymen gave much edification to those who helped at the retreats would hardly be doing them full justice, for not only was the way in which they kept the Director's injunction of silence during

their free time very edifying, but also their fervor in prayer and devout spirit of recollection left a very good impression on all. It is the sincere wish of those in charge of the Laymen's retreats that the following year will bring even a greater number of earnest Catholic business men to partake of this splendid opportunity of learning better the great truths of the Faith.

Fires—We returned from our summer vacation at the Villa on July 12th to find the whole country adjacent to the west, south and east a mass of flames. Forest fires had been burning in the near vicinity but little did we imagine that our own property would be threatened. Such was the case, however, for our cemetery, barns, and crops were in imminent danger, and it was only by steady, hard work for a day and a half that we protected our buildings, grounds, and saved those of two of our neighbors. Even the new arrivals from Los Gatos were handed wet sacks or shovels before they had been in the house a few hours, so urgent was the need of fire fighters. This labor delayed our retreat a day, and gave us a striking second prelude for the meditation on Hell, when the flames got into the dry pine trees below the cemetery and leaped up to the tips of the trees with a mighty swish and lapped their red, glaring tongues a hundred feet above the highest trees. By the evening of the 13th, the dry grass all around our premises was gone, the fire having settled down, leaving desolation in its wake, and we started our annual retreat under the guidance of Father John Corbett, S. J., whose versatility and deep knowledge of the Exercises was a revelation to us.

Fourth of July—While most of campers opposite us on the Upper Twin Lake held their celebration on Sunday, July 4th, itself, still at our villa we spent the day in quiet and expectation of the coming events on the morrow. The day was an ideal one, and the scholastics took full advantage of its offering by engaging in a lively track and aquatic meet. The competition was keen but the seasoned Second Year men easily won the day, both on "land and on sea," outdistancing the humble yearlings by about 30 points.

In the evening refreshments were served and a Rook party enjoyed; the whole grounds being aglare with torches and Japanese lanterns. The Villa Orchestra rendered a few very pleasing selections, and when finally the Ave Maris Stella rang out across the waters all retired with the realization that the day had been a most enjoyable one. Our guests for the occasion were Rev. Father Provincial, Father Rector, Father Fitzgerald from Gonzaga, Mr. Dunne, and, of course, all the Brothers from the Mount, who came on Saturday and remained until Tuesday morning.

The splendid rest afforded by the villa season was thoroughly appreciated by all, the weather was never at any time oppressive, in fact two or three good thunder and lightning storms served to break whatever monotony there may have been felt.

Changes—The community sincerely regrets the loss of Father James Hayes, who has been ordered by the medical men to rest his eyes which have been failing considerably of late. He goes to Los Angeles and will be replaced here by Father McGarrigle.

Father Gianera regrets to leave the North, which he has found so beneficial both as to health and to study, but will feel right at home back again at Santa Clara. Father F. Prange replaces him in the Physics Department.

Visitors—Father Hingston recently paid us a passing visit; also Father Bowles, both from Canada. Fathers Vaughan and Gearon also called in at the Mount as did Father Concannon, recently returned from Tertianship, and Father Maruca. The Indian Congress, as usual, has drawn its quota of Blackrobes from the surrounding Missions. Father Taelman and J. Post drove up to St. Michael's, the latter giving the scholastics a very interesting talk on the early days in Alaska.

We were joined in our Retreat by Messrs. James Kelly, McKey, Thos. Feeley, and Clark. Brothers Rogers, Wilhalm, Corrigan, Lofaso, and Matsui also left their respective posts for a few days to attend the Exercises at Mount St. Michaels.

LOYOLA COLLEGE

Commencement Exercises — The night of June 6th witnessed the most impressive Commencement Exercises ever held at Loyola College and

probably the most impressive ever held in any Jesuit College on the Coast. Two complete weeks with a corps of twenty workmen were employed to construct the stage setting for the occasion. Mere numerical measurements are never very descriptive, but it would be impossible to give an adequate idea of the grandeur of the structure without them. Rising from a platform 20 feet in height, about 200 feet in width and 50 feet deep, were ten massive gold tinted pillars 40 feet high. Each pillar was surmounted by a battery of flags which served as a background for the large electric letters — "LOYOLA." In the center of the structure was erected an altar which for size and coloring effect was a fit setting for the whole. Heavy draperies, suitable symbols, trees and flowers filled the spaces between the pillars.

An approach of three sets of steps consisting of fifteen each, led up to the tiers of seats occupied by the participants.

The academic procession, headed by the College band, formed in the administration building at 8 o'clock. The order of march was as follows: A crucifer, with acolytes on either side, all dressed in scarlet cassock and capes came first. Next were the graduates of the various departments, then came the clergy of the diocese, the secular faculty, then the Jesuit Faculty, Honorary Degree Men, the Guard of Honor for the Bishop and lastly, Father President and His Lordship, Bishop Cantwell. At a given signal all wended their way down the series of decorated arches flooded with light. Past an audience that was estimated at between seven and ten thousand, they took their places on the stage which was still in darkness save for the little silver rays that filter through threatening clouds. When all was quiet again a spotlight was turned on the central flagpole. Then amidst the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by a chorus of trained voices our National Emblem was run up. In like manner were the colors of our Holy Father and the colors of the College given their places of honor. Finally, the scintillators and the system of hidden light were turned upon the stage. The actual experience itself alone is able to give an appreciative idea of the effect.

A paper treating of "The Immortality of the Soul" was read by the president of the Senior class. Twenty-four degrees were conferred upon graduates from the Law Department, twelve from the Arts Department, and Honorary Degrees were conferred upon the following: Rev. Fr. Queen, Rev. Fr. Core, Superior Judge Bishop, Professor Yankwich, Supreme Grand Knight White and Mr. E. L. Doheny. Father Quirck of St. Basil's church preached the Baccallareate sermon. The valedictory was delivered by George Dunne. The concluding and by far the most imposing feature of the exercises was the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, given by His Lordship. The congregational singing of the assembled thousands was nothing less than insuiring.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Summer School—Gonzaga University opened its summer session on Monday, June 21st, and it will continue until August 1st. In this session the College of Arts and Sciences offers under-graduate work towards degrees, and some graduate work. The session is especially intended for teachers who are doing work towards a Bachelor's or a Master's degree. All work of the summer session is fully accredited with the State Board of Education and the University of Washington. The following are the courses offered and the respective Professors: French, Fr. Francis Menager, S. J.; Education, Fr. Austin Schmidt, S. J. (Mo.); English, Fr. Francis Donnelly S. J. (M.-N. Y.); History, Fr. P. Dunne, S. J.; Ontology, Fr. D. Reidy, S. J.; Religion, Fr. J. Kiely, S. J.. Spanish, Fr. Concannon, S. J.: Chemistry, Fr. Galtes, S. J.; Cosmology, Fr. Menager, S. J.; Physics, Fr. Gianera, S. J., Latin and German. Fr. H. Vrebosch, S. J., Mathematics, Fr. Werner, S. J.

Father Brogan, Dean of the University and director of the Summer School, pronounces this session a great success. There was an enrollment of 145 students; Sisters of various orders, Scholastics of the Society, and a goodly number of lay people. All those concerned, both professors and students, express themselves highly pleased.

During the session Father Dunne gave two interesting lectures on the

Cathedrals of England and France; both were well attended.

Faculty Changes—The new status for Gonzaga is out: fifteen Fathers, Scholastics and Brothers leave Gonzaga, to be replaced by fifteen others. Those who leave are: Fr. J. Kennelly to Tacoma, Fr. Butler to California to take advance work in Education at Stanford University; Father McNamara to Seattle College, Dean; Father Regan, to Yakima; Father Robert Shepherd to Los Angeles; Father O'Reilly to Fairbanks, Alaska; Mr. Daze, to Woodstock; Messrs. Kavanaugh, Maginnis, O'Connor, Paronteau, to England; Mr. Mallman, to Montreal; Brother Brancoli will go to Los Gatos, and will be replaced at Gonzaga by Brother Kish. Those coming are: Fathers G. Weibel, W. Garrigan, A. Coudeyre, J. LaMotta, A. Eline, P. Moore, J. Lynch, E. Boland, E. Sprague, M. McCann. Scholastics coming: C. Simons, S. Gaffney, F. Rotchford, C. Coughlin.

High Rating—The State Board of Education has granted a Class A rating in teacher training to Gonzaga. The accreditation places all graduates of Gonzaga, who make specified percentages, on a parity with those of state teacher training schools by permitting them to teach in public schools of the state after passing examinations in school law. The action was taken on recommendation of Edwin T. Tuitmeyer, state inspector of high schools.

Visitors—Rt. Rev. Bishop Crimont made a brief stay at Gonzaga, on his return from the Eucharistic Congress. He was accompanied by V. R. Fr. Delon, Superior of the Alaskan Mission. With Father Delon were five Eskimo children, three boys and two girls. They remained several days; the boys roomed in the infirmary, the girls in DeSmet Hall under the supervision of the Sisters.

On his return from Chicago, V. R. Fr. Provincial remained with us two weeks, and entertained us with a graphic description of the Chicago celebrations. During his stay here Rev. Fr. Provincial gave his time to the working out of the status.

Fathers O'Malley and Purcell had also the happiness of attending the Eucharistic Congress. During their absence the parish was under the able supervision of Fathers Sansone and Keep.

First Mass—Rev. Fr. Rector, accompanied by Father Keep, went to Anaconda to assist Father Sharp's celebration of his first Solemn High Mass in his home town. Father Rector preached the sermon. The celebration became a regular civic affair. Both Catholics and Protestants, officials and ordinary citizens took part in the event.

Villa—During the Summer School session, several Scholastics and some Fathers spent the week-ends at Hayden Lake. The Scholastic teachers will make their retreat immediately after the Summer School session, prior to their going to Hayden Lake for vacation. Father P. Dunne will conduct the retreat. Fr. H. Vrebosch will be Superior at the Villa.

Death—On the morning of July 18th, the mother of Mr. John Dunne, S. J., member of the Gonzaga Faculty, died peacefully in the hospital of the Sacred Heart. Pray for her.

OPENING OF THE MARTYRS' SHRINE, MIDLAND, ONT.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, our new shrine, erected by Very Rev. J. M. Filion, Provincial, was opened to the public amid scenes of unusual splendor. A Cardinal, five Bishops, one Archbishop and representatives of the Government, as well as a crowd of between ten and fifteen thousand people took part in the celebration.

This holy spot, to which as early as 1645. thousands of Indians came to perform their religious duties, has once more become a place of pilgrimage. Spiritual favors granted by Pope Urban VIII in 1644 have been renewed by Pope Pius XI, by the granting of a Plenary Indulgence to those who visit the Shrine, with the usual conditions.

On Saturday morning, Cardinal O'Connell arrived with a party of 500 Pilgrims, including forty priests, who were returning from the Eucharistic Congress. A special train also brought Canadian pilgrims so that all could not gain entrance to the church when the Cardinal said Mass and preached an eloquent sermon. Among the pilgrims from Boston was a grand-daughter of the historian Parkman, who helped to make our Martyrs famous. The choir of St. Stanislaus' Novitiate, under

the direction of Mr. McNeil, sang the Mass and delighted the Cardinal by singing a hymn which he had composed.

On Saturday afternoon, two bronze statutes of our Blessed John de Breboeuf and Gabriel Lallement were unveiled by Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines, who represented the Ontario Government. Speeches were made by Very Rev. Fr. Provincial, by Fr. Filiatrault in French, representing the Province of Lower Canada, by Fr. Cadot, S. J., of the Indian Missions, by Bishop Scollard of Sault-Ste. Marie, who spoke in glowing terms of the work of the Jesuits in his diocese. Hon. Wm. Finlayson, M. P. P. for East Simcoe (non-Catholic), also spoke, emphasizing the pride felt by non-Catholics in the Shrine.

On Sunday morning, three of the Masses were said by Bishops. At 11 o'clock Pontifical High Mass by Archbishop McNeil of Toronto. This was an open-air Mass, said on the brow of the hill dominating the whole country. Father McNeil of Vancouver was Deacon, Father Noon, C. S. P., Subdeacon; Dean Gehl of Hamilton, Assistant Priest; the Deacons of Honor were the two Fathers Ellard, S. J. (brothers), of Missouri Province. In the sanctuary were Bishop McNally of Hamilton, Bishop O'Brien of Peterboro, Bishop Kidd of Calgary and Bishop Scollard of Sault-Ste. Marie. There were representatives from the Basilians, Paulists, Christian Brothers; and Fathers Filiatrault, F. X. Bellavance, Bartlett, Vandriessche, Lafortune, Bouvrette, Mailhot, McCaffrey, Lally, Mr. Noll, Mulcahey, McGarry and the Novitiate Choir. Bishop Fallon gave the sermon.

It was not easy to satisfy the devotion of the crowds, who thronged the church, prayed before the statues and venerated the relics in such large numbers that the Fathers had to relieve one another frequently and usher the crowds out by side-doors in order to make room for other throngs.

The Shrine is a beautiful stone structure with two main towers and one over the sanctuary. The interior is finished in British Columbia fir wood. The altars and benches are made of oak. The Stations of Cross are life-size paintings made in Italy. Bas-reliefs of the martyrs and a huge painting over the main altar beautify the church, as well as stained glass windows. The church has a seating capacity of 800 though 1000 may be crowded in. Three small artificial lakes are on the grounds and a large statue of the Little Flower stands on an island, a tribute to her for her generous help towards the erection of the Shrine.

Father Divine has a twelve-leaf folder, post-card size, containing a brief history of Fort Ste. Marie and several illustrations of the place, all very tasty and valuable.

VARIA

The Catholic Missionaries in Africa established "Free Villages" for the help, protection and independence of the slaves whom they were able to liberate. After the example of the Saints Basil and Benedict they formed colonies, where, under the gentle rule of the missionary, industry and economy brought enviable prosperity.

Though England, Germany and Scandanavia have good reason to remember the benefits of their "Free Towns," yet, the League of Nations condemns, through unfounded calumny, these villages as "asylums of criminals and vagabonds."

The Anti-slavery Society of Italy has vigorously protested this injustice "to this noblest form of Christian charity."

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The republic of Bolivia has given a splendid demonstration of faith. In its two capital cities, Sucre and La Paz, gigantic bronze statues of the Sacred Heart were erected and before these, in the presence of the highest officials and an immense concourse of people the Act of Consecration was recited by all. Then the President pronounced the special Act of Consecration, which read as follows: "I, Baptist Saevedra, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia, solemnly and officially consecrate the nation which I represent, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as a public affirmation of the faith of the people of Bolivia, who hope, by this act, to bring down heaven's blessings on their institutions and to inaugurate a new era of true happiness."

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The Crown Prince of Italy on be-

ing shown his quarters in the royal palace at Turin, carefully examined the room and turning to his attendant said: "Do you notice that an indispensible piece of furniture is missing?" The attendant, astonished and confused, asked: "Your highness, what is it?" "The priedieu," the prince replied.

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Under the inspiration of Our Holy Father, the Pope, Catholic organizations for international peace have been established in France, England, Germany and Holland. The shadow is not sought after, but the true peace brought from Heaven by Jesus Christ, the King of Peace.

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Father Doyle, writing of the missions in Nyabur, Africa, says: "Five years ago there were scarcely a dozen Christians within a radius of four thousand square miles and now I have counted fourteen thousand Communions in the last six months. Our Nyaburese are the best Christians in the world, all fervent in the faith; many who live eighty-five miles away come to the Sacraments every five weeks; taking five days to come and as many to return; those living thirty miles away come every two weeks; up to fifteen miles they come to Mass and the Sacraments every week.

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The Belgian Fathers of the Society working in Indian give many similar examples of the earnestness of their Christians, who make nothing of sixteen or eighteen miles, who come by the thousand, are exceedingly poor, ask nothing of the Fathers but to lead them to Heaven, and who remain every Sunday for a few hours, often without protection from the broiling sun, for Mass, Sermon and Benediction, and barefooted plod their way home, happy that they can imitate Him who suffered for them.

A Belgian Father of the Kwango Mission (Belgian Congo) says that the spirit of faith is on the increase among the neophytes; that those living within twenty or twenty-six kilometers of the church come regularly every Sunday to Mass and Holy Communion, though it takes several hours to make the trip. Those who are unable to come meet in their villages and united in spirit with the far away priest, recite publicly the prayers of the Mass.

In general, weekly confession, daily communion and devotion to the Sacred Heart, constitute the sum total of their religious life, to which they give themselves in a whole-souled manner.

In one of our missions, out of eleven hundred Christians, seven hundred of them came to make the Exercises of St. Ignatius. These retreats last three days, passed in silence, prayer and manual work. One must know the character of the negro to form any idea of the great enthusiasm and devotion displayed on such an occasion.

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Bishop Lopez de Rego, S. J., Vicar Apostolic of the Marianne and Carolina Islands, after having worked zealously among those nearest to him and baptized with his own hand two thousand, now starts on a new venture. Finding that there are over two hundred islands not yet evangelized he brought a two-master and will live on the "rolling deep." He sends out catechists in advance and follows up to complete the work. He reports very frequent cures and favors through the use of St. Ignatius' Holy Water, and so many conversions on that account, that he calls the saint, "The Master Missionary," of these islands.

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"The Land of the Midnight Sun," a booklet on the Alaskan Missions, by Mr. Raymond Feeley, S. J., of St. Michael's, made quite an impression at the Vatican Exposition and is popular in England. Letters and Notices declares it "the best, without doubt, of the English productions of a similar nature."

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A student of Fordham University, Charles Murphy, won the recent National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest—the award was two thousand dollars.

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The Maryknoll Fathers are opening a Junior Seminary, capable of housing sixty foreign mission students, at Los Altos, California.

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The ordinary number of Communicants on First Fridays at St. Francis Xavier's (Gardiner street), Dublin, is from 3000 to 3500; the number of Communions during the year falls little short of half a million.

There are fifteen sodalities and conferences attached to the church with an active membership of over 5000, exclusive of the Bona Mors.

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Father Sarasola, S. J., of the Colombian National Observatory, has published a book on the Hurricanes of the Antilles, which is highly praised by the scientists of South America and extensively quoted by scientific journals. He is at times sent by the government to establish meteorological stations in various places and to correct or verify altitudes or positions.

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The geologist, Friedlander, who spent some time in Colombia making observations called several times at our new college at Pasto. Seeing the work of the Fathers and hearing that the splendid buildings recently opened were erected by the offerings of the faithful he remarked: "Though a Protestant, I declare that the best institution in all Colombia is clericalism."

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Two of the Fathers of St. Bartholomew's College, Begota, went to the Leper Colony of Contrataction and in ten days gave four Triduums to the inmates and one to the employees. They report 13,000 Confessions, 17,000 Communions.

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In Colombia it seems to be customary that the Bishop in making his pastoral visits take two Jesuit Fathers with him to give a short Mission at the Pueblos visited. The Fathers often give Triduums to the soldiers and generally prepare them for their solemn oath of fidelity to the flag, which is always preceded by Confession and Communion.

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The moving out of the old college at Belen to the new one of Marianao was the greatest event in Havana for some time and caused great rejoicing all over the Island of Cuba. The Governor and the aristocracy of Havana joined in, police lined the streets and all traffic was suspended along the line of march to allow the procession to pass. The new building looks gigantic and sumptuous; many declare it is the finest college building of the Society at present. It is a steel structure, fan shaped, with nine wings connected by a facade 505 feet long; the frontage being 728 feet and the depth 623. The assembly hall seats 2200, and the gymnasium is extensive. The main dormitory is 393 feet by 66. In it there are 200 cubicles, each 8 feet by 7½ feet, all supplied with running water. There are 24 class rooms, with room for 50 boys in each; seven study halls and six refectories. The plunge is 75 by 25, surrounded by a number of bath rooms and 80 showers.

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Three Jesuits have been sent by the French Government on an important official scientific mission into the Far East. Fathers Licent and Tielhard de Chardin (president of the Geological Society of France) are officially delegated by the ministry of foreign affairs, the ministry of public instruction and the Paris Museum to undertake a very dangerous voyage of exploration through Mongolia and Thibet to study the geology and paleontology of this little known region, while Father Lejay is sent to the Observatory of Zikawei to work on the reform of longitude.

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On January 23, celebrating the centenary of diplomatic relations between Brazil and the Holy See, the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs cabled the Holy Father: "With best wishes for the prosperity and prestige of the Catholic church whose beneficent and most efficacious influence has ever been up to this day the greatest guarantee of peace in the world and the most secure means of moral perfection, advancement and improvement."

This is evidently not the spirit of corrupt official Mexico. After some years of bitter persecution they, on July 23, finally arrested V. Rev. Pascual Diaz, S. J., Bishop of Tobasco, and imprisoned him with the Archbishop of Mexico. His only crime, as the repeated warnings show, was that he persistently refused to take a wife and bring her into the episcopal household.

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Good Brother Marchisio died about July 2. He had been in Alaska since the fall of 1893, mostly at Holy Cross Mission. This summer he went to the hospital in Fairbanks where he expired. No particulars have as yet been received.

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